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Bulletin: As: (i) Bandyopadhyay, B. K., Maji, B., Sen, H. S. and Tyagi, N. K. (2003). Coastal Soils of West Bengal - Their Nature, Distribution and Characteristics. Technical Bulletin No. 1/2003, Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Regional Research Station, Canning Town, India. 62 p.

(ii) Bandyopadhyay, B. K., Sahu, G. C. and Maji, B. (1998). Status, nature and composition of organic matter in coastal areas. In: Soil Organic Matter and Residue Management. Bulletin No. 19, Indian Society of Soil Science, New Delhi. pp 58- 67.

Symposium Proceedings: As: Pampattiwar, P. S. and Mane, T. A. (1983). Evaluation of sprinkler method of irrigation for summer groundnut, Proceedings National Seminar on Evaluation of sprinkler irrigation, Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers, January 2-5, 2008, Engineering Staff College, Pune, Maharashtra, India. pp 88-95.

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